RANGE INVENTORY STUDIES/LAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 1, 3, 5 & 2, 8 (UTAH PORTION) WITHIN WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY

"Condition of the Land, Public Input, NN Agriculture Plan"

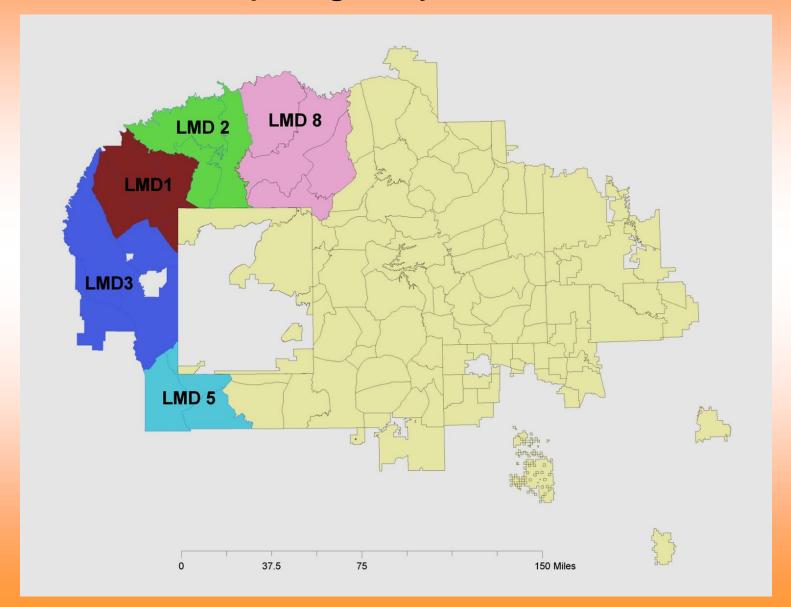
FIREROCK CASINO CHURCHROCK, NM

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Western Navajo Agency – 5.5 million acres



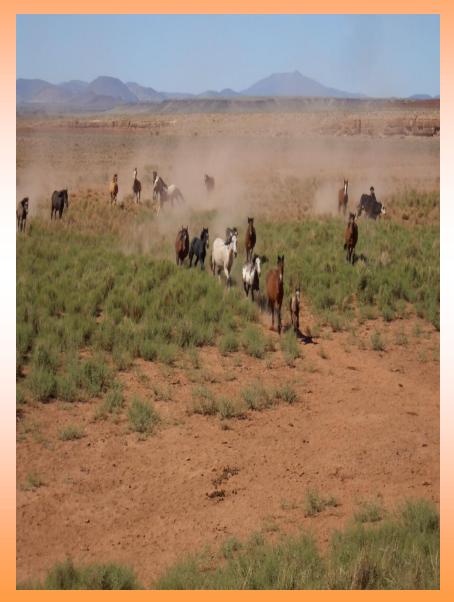
Shonto Canyon feral horse round-up 1937



CURRENT RESOURCE ISSUES: FERAL HORSES



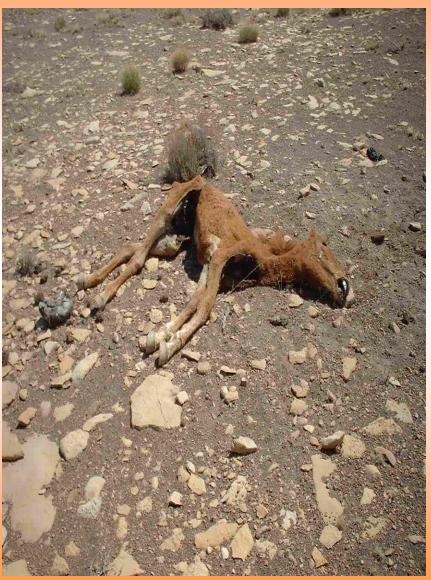
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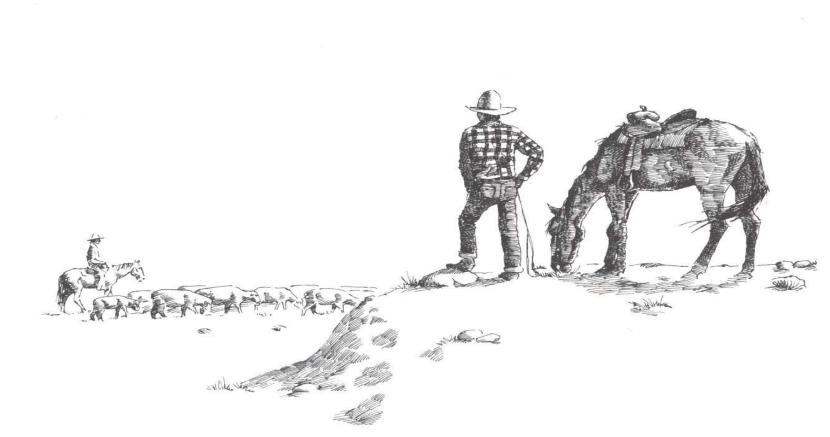


RANGE CONDITION-VERY POOR



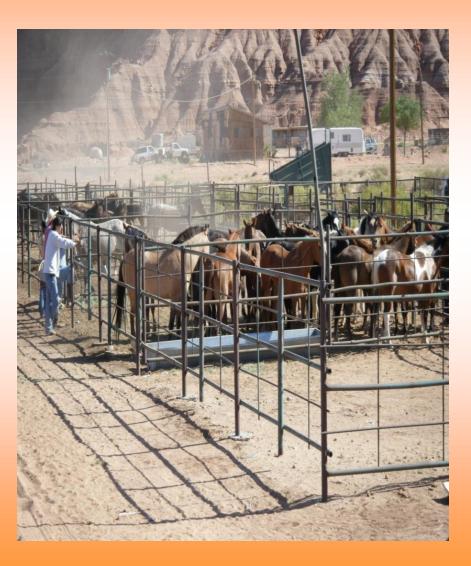


Useable forage: 31.3 lbs/acre



Living From Livestock, Range Management and Ranch Planning for Navajo Country. S. Bingham, E. Lee, R.L. Jim, and Rock Point Management Project. Artist Hank Willie. 1984.

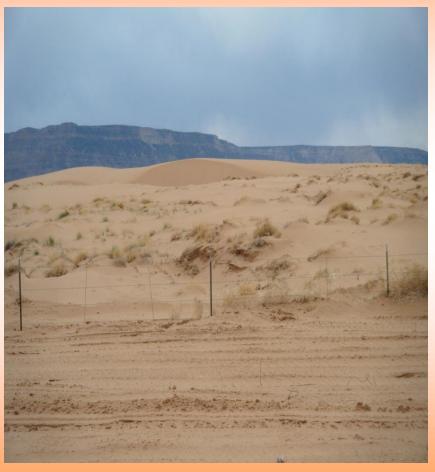
A Horse will eat 2% of it's body wt. of forage



- Horse will eat 18 lbs. of forage per day
- 365 days a horse will consumed about 6,570 lbs/year to maintain its body weight
- 55 Alfalfa 3-wire bales/year for 1 horse
- 91 feral horses were penned up last month
 5,005 bales of alfalfa hay
 \$100,100.00 & each horse cost \$15.00/head

Sand Dunes are Beginning to be Common Occurrences on the Navajo Nation





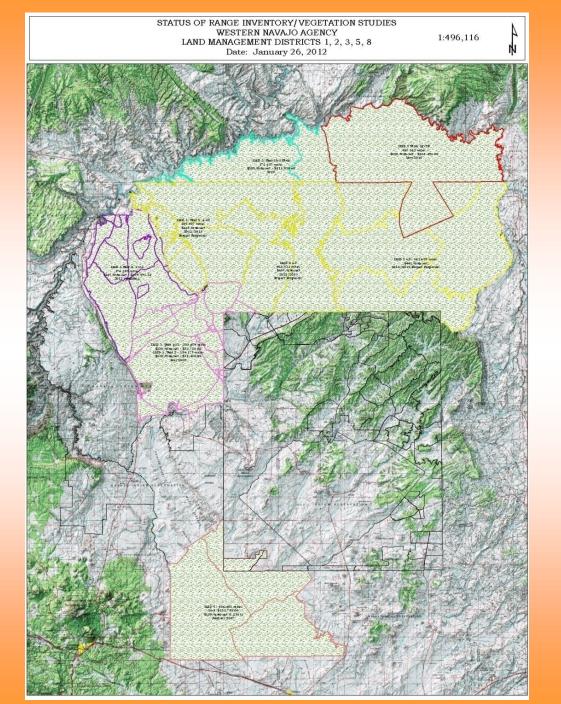
WNA Vegetation Inventories

Completed:

- LMD 1-1
- LMD 3-2
- LMD 5-all subunits
- LMD 2, Utah Portion
- LMD 8, Utah portion, including MVTP

Pending:

- LMD 3, FBFA (2013)
- LMD 2, AZ Portion (2013)
- LMD 8, AZ Portion (2013)



RANGELAND INVENTORIES WHY DO WE DO THEM?

These are the Main Reasons, but not limited to.

- update soil and range classification
- forage utilization monitored and management adjusted as needed
- forage production used to establish and/or adjust carrying capacity and stocking rates
- Rangeland health
- Trend plots established, read and data analyzed

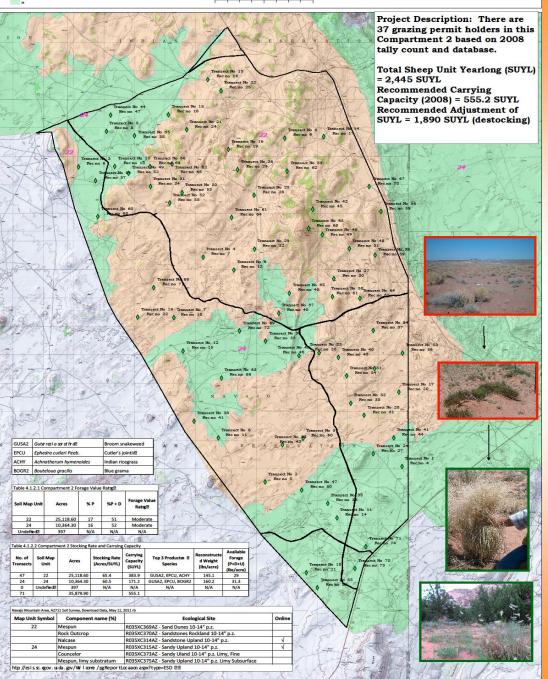
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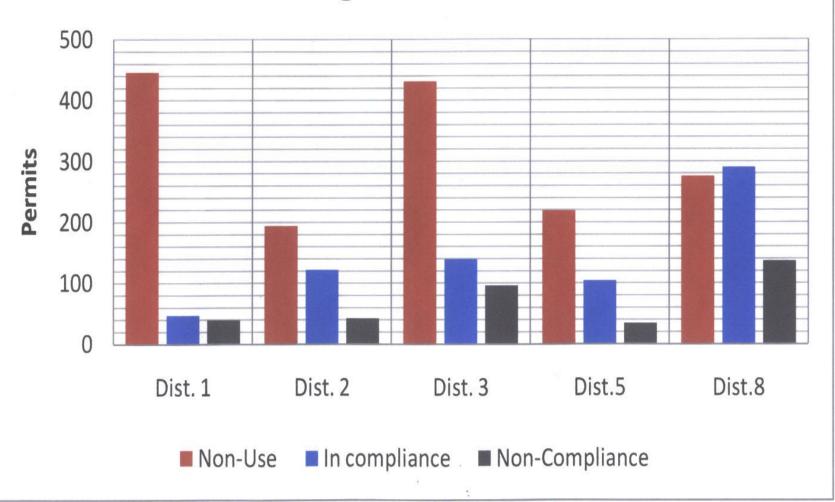
Land Management District 1, Unit 1 - Compartment 2 (35,879.8 acres)
Draft Map of the Project Area for Conservation Planning

0 0.5 1 2 Miles





Western Navajo Agency 2009 compliance Report Findings Grazing Permit Status





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